

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty, and the Lords and Peeres now assembled in Parliament.

The humble Petition and Protestation of all the Bishops and Prelates now called by his
Majesties Writts to attend the Parliament, and present about London and West-
minster, for that Service.

That whereas the Petitioners are called up by severall and respective Writs, and under great penalties, to
attend in Parliament, and have a cleer and undubitate Right to Vote in Bills, and other matters what-
soever, debateable in Parliament, by the ancient Customes, Lawes, and Statutes of this Realm, and ought
to be protected by your Majesty, quietly to attend and prosecute that great Service.

They humbly remonstrate and protest before God, your Majesty, and the Noble Lords and Peers
now assembled in Parliament, That as they have an indubitate Right to sit and Vote in the House of the Lords, so
are they (if they may be protected from force and violence) most ready and willing to perform their Duties accord-
ingly. And that they do abhorre all Actions or Opinions, tending to Popery, and the maintenance thereof; as
also, all propension and inclination to any malignant party, or any other side or party whatsoever, to the which their
own Reasons and Consciences shall not move them to adhere.

But whereas they have been at severall times violently Menaced, Affronted, and Assaulted, by multitudes of people,
in their coming to perform their Services in that Honorable House; and lately chased away, and put in danger of
their lives, and can finde no redresse or protection, upon sundry complaints made to both Houses in these particulars.

They likewise humbly protest before your Majesty, and the Noble House of Peers, That saving unto themselves all
their Rights and Interests of Sitting and Voting in that House at other times, they dare not Sit or Vote in the House of
Peers, untill your Majesty shall further secure them from all Affronts, Indignities and dangers in the premisses.

Lastly, Whereas their fears are not built upon Phantasies and Concepts, but upon such Grounds and Objects, as
may well terrifie men of good Resolutions, and much Constancy. They do in all duty and humility, protest before
your Majesty, and the Peers of that most Honorable House of Parliament, against all Lawes, Orders, Votes, Resolu-
tions, and determinations, as in themselves Null, and of none effect; which in their absence, since the 27 of this instant
Month of *December*, 1641. have already passed; as likewise against all such as shall hereafter passe in that most Hono-
rable House, during the time of this their forced and violent absence from the said most Honorable House; not deny-
ing, but if their absenting of themselves were wilfull and voluntary, that most Honorable House might proceed in
all these premisses, their absence, or this their Protestation notwithstanding.

And humbly beseeching your most Excellent Majesty to command the Clerk of that House of Peers, to enter this
their Petition and Protestation amongst his Records.

They will ever pray to God to blesse and preserve, &c.

Jo. Eborac.
Thomas, Duresme.
Robt. Co. Lich.
Jof. Norwich.
Jo. Asaphen.
Guil. Ba. & Wells.

Geo. Hereford.
Rob. Oxon.
Ma. Ely.
Godfr. Glouc.
Jo. Peterburg.
Mor. Llandaff.

Vera Copia. Jo Browne Cleric. Parliament.
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